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Re: *United States v. Dana Jarvis, CR-05-1849 JH*

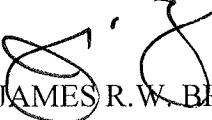
Dear Ms. Neal-Post:

I am writing in response to your letter dated December 1, 2007, in which you request disclosure from the government of certain information regarding contacts between the prosecution and Robert Gorence related to Dana Jarvis. You have cited to no federal authority that prohibits contact between the prosecutors in this case and Mr. Gorence regarding Mr. Gorence's "own subjective intentions regarding the prerequisites for continuation of his representation of [Jarvis]," (Doc. 1145 at 5), nor am I aware of any. To the extent your argument is based on the New Mexico Rules of Professional Conduct, those rules do not create a right to discovery in a federal criminal case. Because your request has no legal basis, the United States declines to produce such information.

The United States also declines to provide you with "[d]ocumentation confirming the assertion to the Court that the DOJ subpoena process [United States Attorneys' Manual, Section 9-13.410] for obtaining the Gorence subpoena [was] followed." The United States was not required to prove compliance with that internal process prior to calling Mr. Gorence to testify. Given your false allegation that the prosecution had not complied with that process, however, I was compelled to inform the court that the prosecution had in fact complied. I made that representation as an officer of the court, and the court asked for nothing more. Nor did you ask for anything more at the hearing. The court denied your motion to quash and Mr. Gorence has testified. Your attempt to re-litigate this issue is inappropriate.

Very truly yours,

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